

THE NEW UNIVERSAL PRESENTS —

# THE OREGON TRAIL

*This is the first episode of a thrilling serial*

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JEFF SCOTT, (JOHN MACK BROWN) FAMOUS FRONTIER SCOUT, IS HIRED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SOLVE A SERIES OF MYSTERIOUS OUTLAW AND INDIAN RAIDS ON THE PIONEER WAGON TRAINS.

THE FUNNY PART ABOUT THESE RAIDS, JEFF, IS THAT ONLY THE WAGONS ENROUTE TO THE RICH FUR REGIONS OF OREGON ARE MOLESTED!



WELL, I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN FIND OUT. THIS IS ABOUT WHERE THE LAST WAGON TRAIN SHOULD BE BY NOW -- I CAN EASILY OVERTAKE IT IN A TWO DAY RIDE.



MEANWHILE THE WAGON TRAIN CHANGES ITS COURSE.

AT THE DIRECTION OF "BULL" BRACK, THE WAGON MASTER, THEY TURN OFF THE TRAIL TO MAKE A SHORT CUT ACROSS A RIVER.



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AT THIS POINT, JEFF AND HIS SIDE-KICK, DEADWOOD, GALLOPING HARD TO OVERTAKE THE WAGON TRAIN, SEE THEIR DILEMMA FROM A DISTANCE.



JEFF AND DEADWOOD RIDE INTO THE RIVER AND SAVE AS MANY WAGONS AS THEY CAN.



AMONG THOSE WHOSE LIVES JEFF SAVES, IS YOUNG JIMMIE CLARK (BILLY BOY, JR.) WHOSE FATHER DIED WHEN THEIR WAGON OVERTURNED. THE SCOUT AND THE BOY FLEESCE OF FRIENDSHIP.



JEFF ACCUSES 'BULL' BRASS, THE WAGON MASTER OF DELIBERATELY LEADING THE PIONEERS INTO DANGER.



THE OREGON TRAIL.

JEFF TELLS MR. MASON, THE LEADER OF THE EMIGRANTS, THAT "BULL" BRASS IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED.

THAT MAY BE, BUT WE'VE NO ONE TO GUIDE US INTO OREGON.

WELL, I CAN GUIDE YOU --- I KNOW THIS COUNTRY LIKE THE BACK OF MY HAND!

DON'T YOU BELIEVE HIM, MR. MASON... HE'S IN LEAGUE WITH THE INDIANS! HE'S TRYING TO LEAD US INTO A TRAP!

KEEP QUIET, YOU! YOU'VE CAUSED ENOUGH TROUBLE FOR ONE DAY!



THE MEN IN THE PARTY UNANIMOUSLY ELECT JEFF TO BE THEIR NEW GUIDE IN SPITE OF "BULL" BRASS'S OBJECTIONS.



THAT NIGHT "BULL" BRASS SNEAKS OFF INTO INDIAN TERRITORY.

INDIANS GET HEEP MUCH NIFLE IF ATTACK WHITE MAN WAGON TOMORROW!

WELL! WILL DO!



THE WAGON TRAIN STARTS OFF EARLY THE NEXT MORNING WITH JEFF AND DEAD-WOOD LEADING THE WAY --- SUDDENLY ---

INDIANS!!

FORM THE WAGONS INTO A CIRCLE! THESE INDIANS MEAN BUSINESS! WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT THEM OFF!

BANG BANG



THE OREGON TRAIL

IN THE COURSE OF THE FIGHT MARGARET MASON (LUISE STANLEY) TAKES REFUGE IN ONE OF THE WAGONS.



SUDDENLY A STRAY INDIAN ARROW HITS THE LEAD HORSE, AND THE FRIGHTENED TEAM BREAKS INTO A MAD GALLOP!

MARGARET, ALONE IN THE SPEEDING WAGON, STRUGGLES VALIANTLY WITH THE REINS.



HELP  
HELP!

I CAN'T STOP THEM!

JEFF! ONE OF THE WAGONS BACKS LOOSE! THERE'S A GIRL IN IT!

IT'S MARGARET! I'M GOING AFTER HER!



JEFF MOUNTS HIS HORSE AND QUICKLY OVERTAKES THE WAGON...HE LEAPS ASLENY FROM HIS MOUNT TO THE CAREENING VEHICLE AND WITH MARGARET IN HIS ARMS, HE JUMPS FREE JUST AS THE WAGON OVERTURNS!



WH-WHERE AM I?

YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, JUST TAKE IT EASY. WE'LL HAVE TO FIND SOMEPLACE TO HIDE--THOSE INDIANS ARE ALL AROUND US!



TAKING SHELTER BEHIND SOME ROCKS, JEFF KEEPS THE INDIANS OFF AS BEST HE CAN WITH HIS SIX-GUN.



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THE INDIANS DISAPPEAR AS SUDDENLY AS THEY CAME AND ALTHO THEY TOOK A TERRIFIC TOLL, THE FIGHT IS WORN!



THAT NIGHT, WHEN JEFF RETURNS TO THE WAGON TRAIN WITH MARGARET -- BRAGG PLAYS HIS TRUMP CARD...

SEE? I TOLD YOU THIS FELLA WAS AIMIN' TO LEAD US INTO AN INDIAN AMBUSH!



THE PIONEERS HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BELIEVE BRAGG.

THEY REIN-STATE HIM AS WAGON BOSS -- AND JEFF, REALIZING THE FUTILITY OF REMAINING WHERE HE IS, RIDES OFF WITH HIS FATHER, DEADWOOD.

THEY HAVE NOT GONE FAR WHEN A RIDER OVERTAKES THEM. IT IS YOUNG JIMMIE CLARK --

MR. JEFF, ...IF YOU LEAVE, I'M COMIN' WITH YOU!



BUT I'M NOT LEAVING, SON... I'LL BE FOLLOWING THE WAGON'S CLOSE BEHIND. ...I WANT YOU TO GO BACK AND KEEP YOUR EYE ON BRAGG.... IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, COME BACK AND TELL ME!



THE BOY MOUNTS HIS HORSE AND OBEDIENTLY RIDES BACK TO THE WAGON TRAIN.

SAY, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA! THIS WAY WE CAN FIND OUT JUST WHAT BRAGG IS UP TO AND HE WON'T SUSPECT US!

THAT'S RIGHT! I HOPE IT WORKS!



LATER -- JIMMIE OVERHEARS BRAGG PLOTTING TO START A PRAIRIE FIRE!

GOON! I BETTER WARN JEFF!



WILL JIMMIE REACH JEFF IN TIME TO PREVENT BRAGG FROM STARTING THE FIRE?

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EPISODE #2

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JEFF OVERTAKES A WAGON TRAIN AND DISCOVERS THAT "BULL" BRASS, THE WAGON BOSS, IS PURPOSELY LEADING THE WAGONS INTO DANGER --

JEFF IS TOLD BY YOUNG JIMMY CLARK, (BILL CODY, JR.) THAT BRASS IS PLANNING A PRAIRIE FIRE TO TRAP THE WAGONS --



"COME ON, DEADWOOD -- IF WE RIDE HARD WE CAN GET TO THE WAGONS BEFORE BRASS STARTS THAT FIRE!"



MEANWHILE, BRASS AND A HALF-BREED CARRY ON HIS FIRE ALREADY AT WORK...

"WELL, NOW ABOUT IT, BRASS -- EVERY ONE AGREE? YES!"

"YEAH... THEY DON'T SUSPECT YOU --- I HAVE STARTED THE FIRE --- IT'LL BEGIN TO SPREAD IN A FEW MINUTES --- LET'S GET OUT OF HERE."



THE FIRE SOON GETS UNDER WAY, AND BRASS ESCAPES WITH HIS OWN WAGON, LEAVING THE TRAIN TRAPPED IN A VALLEY --- JEFF ARRIVES JUST IN TIME TO LEAD THE PIONEERS OUT OF DANGER.

"COME ON! TURN THOSE WAGONS AROUND--FOLLOW ME--"



# THE OREGON TRAIL

MEANWHILE, BRALL ARRIVES IN ORE FORT AND REPORTS TO HIS BOSS SAM MORGAN.

WELL, BOSS -- THAT'S ANOTHER WAGON TRAIN THAT'LL NEVER REACH OREGON --

NICE GOING, BRALL! I HOPE YOU DIDN'T MAKE ANY SLIP-UPS --



BUT BRALL HAS MADE A SLIP-UP, FOR A SHORT WHILE LATER, THE WAGON TRAIN, LED BY JEFF SCOTT, FALLS INTO TOWN.



IN THE TOWN SALOON, JEFF FINDS "BULLY" BRALL DRINKING WITH HIS CRONIES --

HEY -- LEGGS -- YOU -- YOU AIN'T ALIVE -- YOU'RE DEAD -- YOU BURNED WITH THE WAGON TRAIN --

SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU -- BUT THE WAGON TRAIN DIDN'T BURN UP -- BRALL, THIS IS WHERE YOU GET YOURS!



LET HIM GO, JEFF -- I THINK WE'VE GOT ENOUGH ON HIM FOR A RECK-THE PARTY --

JUST AS YOU SAY, MR. MORGAN -- BUT I THINK HANGIN'S TOO GOOD FOR THIS SHUNK!



THE SPEED QUICKLY REPORTS THE SCENE IN THE SALOON TO SAM MORGAN.

HEY, BOSS -- THE WAGON TRAIN COME THRU -- THEY'VE GOTTA HAVE BRALL --

WE'D BETTER LET HIM AWAY FROM THEM BEFORE HE SPILLS THE BEANS --



# THE DRAGON TRAIL

MORGAN GIVES HIS MEN INSTRUCTIONS...

THOSE SETTLERS WHO JUST CAME IN TOWN HAVE CAUGHT BRAGG AND ARE TALKIN' ABOUT HANGIN' HIM... I DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN...

OKAY, BOSS -- WE KNOW WHAT TO DO.



A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE SETTLERS GET A RUDE SURPRISE...

WE WON'T HAVE NO LYNCHIN' IN THIS TOWN! ...TURN OVER "BULL" BRAGG TO US AND WE'LL SEE THAT JUSTICE IS DONE!



HEY, BOSS -- WHAT'S THE IDEA OF PUTTIN' ME IN JAIL LIKE THIS?

THAT'S THE ONLY PLACE WHERE YOU'LL BE SAFE -- I'LL SEND YOU OUT OF TOWN BY THE NEXT STAGE.



AT HIS FIRST OP-PORTUNITY -- MORGAN STERNLY REMOVED BRAGG FROM JAIL AND SENDS HIM OUT OF TOWN ON THE STAGE COACH... WHEN JEFF DISCOVERS BRAGG HAS DISAPPEARED, HE BURSTS INTO MORGAN'S OFFICE FOR A SHOWDOWN.

WHAT'S THE IDEA OF LETTIN' BRAGG ESCAPE, MORGAN!

HE HADN'T ESCAPED -- I SIMPLY SENT HIM TO ANOTHER TOWN FOR A FAIR TRIAL... HE WOULDN'T GET ONE HERE... TOO MUCH PREJUDICE --



JEFF RUSHES OUT OF MORGAN'S OFFICE, SAYING HE INTENDS TO OVERTAKE THE STAGE COACH AND BRING BRAGG BACK!

LISTEN, BOYS... I DON'T WANT BRAGG TO BE BROUGHT BACK HERE ALIVE... FOLLOW THAT STAGE AND TAKE CARE OF HIM BEFORE SCOTT GETS THERE!



MEANWHILE -- JEFF, RIDING HARD, REACHES THE STAGE BEFORE MORGAN'S HENCHMEN.





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STOPPED.



JEFF REALIZES THE DANGER HE IS IN, BUT DOESN'T WANT TO LOSE SIGHT OF BARGE. --HE REAROUNDS HIS HORSE AND JUMPS TO THE TOP OF THE STAGE....



THE STAGE LEADS MORGAN'S MEN A WILD CHASE, TILL ---



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— CONCLUSION —

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JEFF, UPON INVESTIGATION, DISCOVERS THAT "BULL" BRACE, WAGON MASTER, IS DELIBERATELY LEADING THE WAGONS AWAY...

ALTHO JEFF DOESN'T KNOW IT, BRACE IS ONLY A TOOL FOR SAM MOREAN, A FUR TRADER, WHO DOESN'T WANT THE OREGON TRAPPING LANDS SPOILED FOR HIM BY THE ARRIVAL OF WHITE SETTLERS...

JEFF AND BRACE ARE FIGHTING IN A SPEEDING STAGE-COACH WHEN SUDDENLY --

THEY TUMBLE WILDLY OVER THE EDGE OF A CLIFF!



MOREAN'S MEN, WHO HAVE BEEN CHASING THE COACH, STOP WHEN THEY COME TO THE PRECIPICE.

WELL, GUESS THAT'S THE END OF BRACE AND JEFF SCOTT.



BUT THE OUTLAWS ARE MISTAKEN, FOR NEITHER JEFF NOR BRACE ARE DROWNED! THE TWO MEN RISE TO THE SURFACE OF THE RIVER AFTER THE PLUNGE AND BRACE ESCAPES.

HE'S GONE!



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WHEN JEFF RETURNS TO DRY FORK, WHERE THE WAGON TRAIN IS WAITING FOR HIM, HE GETS SOME BAD NEWS.

JEFF-- WE CAN'T SETTLE IN THE OREGON TERRITORY! SAM MORGAN HAS BOUGHT A GOVERNMENT CLAIM TO ALL THE LAND.

HE CAN'T DO THAT-- THAT LAND IS FREE!

WELL, IT AIN'T FREE NOW, JEFF! MORGAN IS ASKIN' A HUNDRED DOLLARS AN ACRE FOR THAT LAND.

NONE OF THE SETTLERS CAN AFFORD IT...  
-- CAN' IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHIN' ABOUT IT, THEY'LL HAVE TO GO BACK HOME AGAIN.

JEFF GOES TO SEE MORGAN.

LISTEN, MORGAN... I WANT TO SEE THE CLAIM YOU HAVE ON THE OREGON TERRITORY...

MORGAN SHOWS JEFF HIS CLAIM, AND JEFF DEPARTS WITHOUT SAYING A WORD...

MORGAN, HOWEVER, KNOWS HE IS SUSPICIOUS.

THAT NIGHT HE CONFERS WITH BREED (AN INDIAN HENCHMAN OF HIS) AND BRAGG, WHO HAS RETURNED SECRETLY TO TOWN.

LISTEN, I WANT YOU MEN TO BRIBE THE INDIANS TO ATTACK THE TOWN-- AND BY MORNING, I WANT TO SEE EVERY TRACE OF THE WAGON TRAIN BURNED -- TO A CRISP-- INCLUDING JEFF SCOTT!

AT MIDNIGHT, THE INDIANS ATTACK...



JEFF TAKES COMMAND OF THE SETTLERS, AND BY CLEVER STRATEGY, ROUTS THE SAVAGES.

MARGARET, HOWEVER, IS CAPTURED BY BRAGG AND THE BREED.

I DON'T THINK YOUR BOY FRIEND WILL BE SO DANGEROUS WHEN HE KNOWS YOU'RE IN OUR HANDS.



# THE OREGON TRAIL

JEFF AND DEADWOOD HAVE TRAILED BRAGG AND HIS CAPTIVE TO THE HIDEOUT CAVE ...

THERE'S BRAGG! I'M GONNA LET HIM HAVE IT!

NO! YOU MIGHT HIT MARGARET.



JEFF ENTERS THE CAVE AND APPROACHES THE TWO DESPERADOES SINGLE HANDED.

PUT DOWN THAT GUN, BRAGG!

YOU'LL NEVER GET ME ALIVE!



BRAGG AND JEFF START FIRING SIMULTANEOUSLY... JEFF KILLS THE INDIAN AND FATALLY WOUNDS BRAGG.



BEFORE HE DIES, BRAGG TELLS ALL ...

...MORGAN... IS YOUR MAN... HE ..WANTED TO ... KEEP THE OREGON FUR REGIONS... TO HIMSELF.



LATER, WITH MARGARET SAFE IN HER WAGON, JEFF MEETS MUSTER, WHO TELLS HIM THAT MORGAN'S LAND CLAIM IS A LIE ...THE OREGON TRAIL IS FREE TO THE SETTLERS.



JEFF, AS A GOVERNMENT AGENT, ARRESTS MORGAN AND HAS HIM SENT TO WASHINGTON FOR TRIAL.



WITH THE OREGON TERRITORY FREE TO THE SETTLERS, JEFF'S WORK IS DONE, AND HE AND MARGARET PREPARE TO MAKE A CLAIM OF THEIR OWN.



THE END



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